

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.- An immediate-release fenofibrate composition comprising:

5 (a) an inert hydrosoluble carrier covered with at least one layer containing fenofibrate in a micronized form having a size less than 20 μm , a hydrophilic polymer and, optionally, a surfactant; said hydrophilic polymer making up at least 20% by weight of (a); and

10 (b) optionally one or several outer phase(s) or layer(s).

2.- The composition according to claim 1, in which a surfactant is present with fenofibrate and the
15 hydrophilic polymer.

3.- The composition according to claim, in which the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

20 4.- The composition according to claim 2, in which fenofibrate and the surfactant are co-micronized.

5.- The composition according to claim 2, in which said surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.
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6.- The composition according to claim 1, in which the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone, and a surfactant is present with fenofibrate.

30 7.- The composition according to claim 6, in which fenofibrate and the surfactant are co-micronized.

8.- The composition according to claim 6, in which said surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.
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5 10.- The composition according to claim 6, in which
the weight ratio fenofibrate/hydrophilic polymer is
comprised between 1/10 and 4/1.

11.- The composition according to claim 1, in which
10 the weight ratio fenofibrate/hydrophilic polymer is
comprised between 1/2 and 2/1.

12.- The composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio fenofibrate/hydrophilic polymer is comprised between 1/2 and 2/1.

13.- The composition according to claim 1, in which, based on the weight of (a) said inert hydrosoluble carrier makes up from 10 to 80% by weight, said fenofibrate makes up from 5 to 50% by weight, said hydrophilic polymer makes up from 20 to 60% by weight, and said surfactant makes up from 0 to 10% by weight.

14.- The composition according to claim 1, in which,
25 based on the weight of (a), said inert hydrosoluble
carrier makes up from 20 to 50% by weight, said
fenofibrate makes up from 20 to 45% by weight, said
hydrophilic polymer makes up from 25 to 45% by weight,
and said surfactant makes up from 0.1 to 3% by weight.

15.- The composition according to claim 6, in which, based on the weight of (a), said inert hydrosoluble carrier makes up from 10 to 80% by weight, said fenofibrate makes up from 5 to 50% by weight, said hydrophilic polymer makes up from 20 to 60% by weight, and said surfactant makes up from 0 to 10% by weight.

21.- The composition according to claim 1, under the form of a tablet.

22.- The composition according to claim 6, under the form of a tablet.

23.- The composition according to claim 18, under the form of a tablet.

24.- The composition according to claim 20, under the form of a tablet.

25.- The composition according to claim 21 under the form of a tablet resulting from the compression of elements (a) together with an outer phase.

26.- The composition according to claim 22 under the form of a tablet resulting from the compression of elements (a) together with an outer phase.

27.- The composition according to claim 23 under the form of a tablet resulting from the compression of elements (a) together with an outer phase.

28.- A method for preparing a composition according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a fenofibrate suspension in micronized form with a particle size below 20 μm , in a solution of hydrophilic polymer and, optionally surfactant;

(b) applying the suspension from step (a) to an inert hydrosoluble carrier;

(c) optionally, coating granules thus obtained with one or several phase(s) or layer(s).

29.- The method according to claim 28, in which step (b) is carried out in a fluidized-bed granulator.

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30.- The method according to claim 28, comprising a step in which products obtained from step (b) or (c) are compressed.

5 31.- A suspension of fenofibrate in micronized form having a size less than 20 μm , in a solution of hydrophilic polymer and, optionally, a surfactant.

10 32.- The suspension of fenofibrate according to claim 31, in which the fenofibrate concentration is from 1 to 40% by weight.

15 33.- The suspension of fenofibrate according to claim 31, in which the hydrophilic polymer concentration is from 5 to 40% by weight.

20 34.- The suspension of fenofibrate according to claim 31, in which the surfactant is present at a concentration below 5% by weight.

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